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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: COUP RUMORS

1. DURING A TALK WITH FONMIN PHOUMI VONGVICHIT THIS MORNING, HE COMMENTED THAT VIENTIANE CONTINUED TO BE RIFE WITH COUP RUMORS. I REPLIED THAT HIS INFORMATION THAT A COUP WAS IMMINENT HAD BEEN WRONG DURING ALL THE MONTHS OF OUR ASSOCIATION. INDEED THE COUP THAT HE HAD TOLD ME ON THE 25TH WAS TO TAKE PLACE THAT NIGHT HAD FAILED TO MATERIALIZE.

2. PPHOUMI SAID HE FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO SHARE INFORMATION AND RUMORS WITH ME. FOR EXAMPLE, HE HAD A REPORT THAT THREE CIA AGENTS WHO HAD WORKED IN CHILE ON THE OVERTHROW OF ALLENDE WERE NOW IN VIENTIANE. I SAID THIS WAS BUNK AND THAT THE AMOUNT OF MISINFORMATION THAT WAS PASSED OUT BY THE PATHET LAO WAS VERY DISAPPOINTING. FOR EXAMPLE, THEIR RADIO HAD BROADCAST A FEW DAYS AGO THAT NINETEEN AMERICANS HAD ATTENDED A SECRET MEETING IN LUANG PRABANG TO
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HATCH A COUP. THIS WAS NONSENSE AND ONLY ADDED TO

MISTRUST AND SUSPICION. PHOUMI REPLIED THAT EARLIER
EXPERIENCE HAD IMPRESSED ON THE PATHET LAO THE NEED
TO BE VIGILANT.
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